

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Drawings

Corrected drawings that address the objections of the Examiner are attached. No new matter has been added to the drawings. Please note that some of the Examiner's objections to the drawings have been addressed by amendment to the specification. For example, the objection in section (4)(A)(3) that objected to the inclusion of reference signs 350a and 350b in figure 15 that were not mentioned in the description. Rather than amending figure 15, the specification has been amended to include mention of the reference signs 350a and 350b, rather than just 350.

Similarly, some of the Examiner's objections to the specification have been addressed by amendments to the drawings. For example, most of the Examiner's objections to the specification in the previous Office Action sections (3)(B)(4)(a-p), concerning missing descriptions of reference numerals found in the drawings, were addressed by amending the drawings to delete the extraneous reference numerals.

Specification

All of the Examiner's objections to the specification have been corrected.

The current status of each of the co-pending applications has been added to pages 1 and 2 of the specification.

An explicit description of FIG. 41 has been added.

In section 8.2(B) of the Office Action, the Examiner stated that the applicant failed to correct the objection in the previous Office Action in the following sections:

Section (3)(A)(2)(b). The Applicant assumes that the Examiner intended to refer to (3)(B)(2)(b). However, the Applicant asserts that the objection was previously corrected as the "clip" was relabelled from reference numeral 143 to numeral 142.

Section (3)(A)(3)(a). The Applicant assumes that the Examiner intended to refer to (3)(B)(d)(a). However, the Applicant asserts that the objection was previously corrected FIG. 16 was amended to show a tag encoder 766.

Section (3)(A)(4). The Applicant assumes that the Examiner intended to refer to (3)(B)(4). However, the Applicant asserts that the objections were previously corrected as follows.

- (a) reference numeral 804 as deleted from FIG. 26.
- (b) reference numerals 837, 841 and 842 were deleted from FIG. 25.
The description of numeral 838 in the specification has been pointed out above.
- (c) reference numeral 333 was deleted from FIG. 20.
- (d) reference numeral 861 was deleted from FIG. 29.
- (e) reference numeral 869 was deleted from FIG. 32.
- (f) reference numeral 906 was deleted from FIG. 39.
- (g) reference numerals 810-814 were deleted from FIG. 22.

- (h) reference numerals 804, 805, 827 and 828 were deleted from FIG. 24.
- (i) reference numeral 841 was deleted from FIG. 41.
- (j) reference numeral 192 was deleted from FIG. 8.
- (k) reference numerals 606, 609, 610 and 619 were deleted from FIG. 11.
- (l) reference numerals 612, 619, 623 and 706 were deleted from FIG. 12.
- (m) reference numerals 646, 669, 675, and 706 were deleted from FIG. 12a.
- (n) reference numeral 646 was deleted from FIG. 13.
- (o) reference numerals 350a and 350b have been added to the specification.
- (p) reference numeral 1120 was deleted from FIG. 50 and reference numeral 45 does appear in the specification at page 19, line 10.

In section 8.2(C) of the Office Action, the Examiner stated that the applicant failed to correct the objection in the previous Office Action in the following sections:

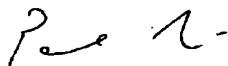
Sections (4)(B)(2)(a) and (4)(B)(2)(b). The Applicant has amended by the present amendment the text in the specification describing FIGS. 38 and 38a.

Sections (4)(C)(1) to (4)(C)(11). These sections have been corrected by the present amendment.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is courteously requested.

Very respectfully,

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